

# HEAR STORY OF GRACE MARSHALL

## Girl Kept Incarcerated for Long Years by Father and Step-mother.

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with an aged man were banded about for a little while, and then died down again. This was twelve years ago. What happened to Grace between this time and November 20, 1915, still is a mystery.

On Saturday, November 20, of last year, Miss Emma L. Davies, of the Children's Aid Society of Talbot county, accompanied by Dr. Charles F. Davidson, armed with authority of the circuit court, went to the Marshall home, demanded and received entrance, unlocked the door of a little hall, and found crouched in a tumble-down bed a twenty-eight-year-old infant, weighing fifty-seven and a quarter pounds, shivering from cold, her head buried in the filthy bed clothing. It was Grace Marshall, the bright, winning child of eleven years before.

Dr. Davidson had not known who she was, and went cautiously, believing that it might be a young maniac in the room, but when he saw the pinched little face, the dim, listless eyes, and the thin, bony body, he looked at her, a world of pity in his eyes, and said: "Do you want to go with me?" A weakened half-smile brightened her face, and she nodded her head consent. He picked her up in his arms, and took her to the Easton home.

She was scrubbed, fed, and kept from exploring only by the most constant care. Her case instantly drew the attention of the whole United States. Tests of horror arose from countless communities that anyone should be allowed to be incarcerated under such conditions, while medical experts were intensely interested in seeing what could be done with this child of twenty-eight.

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Experts formed sides, one party contending that it was possible that she became normal, again, while the other asserted that her long confinement had utterly destroyed any hope that might ever have been entertained of reclaiming either her mind or her body.

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She only received such food at the clinic as was given other patients there, but under its influence her body began to build up strength, till soon she became strong enough to walk about.

After a few weeks at the Phipps clinic, Grace came back to Easton, and went to live with her aunt, Mrs. M. B. James. Mrs. James has taken very good care of her, and she has been under the watchful eye of Dr. Davidson, who first brought her from the scene of her incarceration. Now she weighs about seven pounds more than twice as much as she did when found in the locked room at the Marshall farm, having increased from 57 1/2 to 122 pounds in a year's time.

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Plans are getting into shape rapidly for the celebration next year of the 400th anniversary of the Reformation, the birthday of Protestantism, a celebration which will be recognized by practically all the Protestants in the United States.

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted the ninety-five theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. Although the Reformation is not regarded as having been completed until many years later, the naming of the theses to the church door is regarded generally as the first important incident in the Reformation struggle.

For years past committees of various Protestant churches have been making plans for a fitting celebration. The Episcopalians have not taken cognizance officially of the anniversary celebration, although a number of their leading clergymen have identified themselves with the movement. Nearly every other Protestant denomination is taking an active part. The most important active committee is the Joint Lutheran committee, representing 3,000,000 Lutherans in this country. The various synods of the Lutheran Church plan to raise an anniversary offering of \$100,000.

On October 29, next year, a special program has been arranged for churches throughout the country. J. P. Morgan's famous Luther collection, denoting the growth and birth of the Reformation, will be used in a religious exhibit, which will be moved from one city to another during the celebration. The exhibit will be a city denoting the climax of the celebration there.

## Bridegroom Arrested For Breaking Auto Law

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 19.—Some where a bride is waiting for C. W. Blackman, of Blaineville, Pa., who is in jail here charged with violating New Jersey's automobile law by driving into town with car licenses which the police disclose were not issued in his name.

Blackman pleaded with his captors not to keep him from his bride, who he says accompanied him here in the automobile for a honeymoon trip. He did not reveal her whereabouts.

A Pennsylvania number upon the machine had been painted to resemble a Maryland tag.

When ever Dr. Davidson, of whom Grace is especially fond, comes to see her, as a mark of her favor she tells him "Hello" and "Good-bye." She looks into his face and smiles very often. That her manual dexterity is improving is shown by the facility with which she now combs her own hair.

Her physical growth is astounding. According to measurements taken by Dr. Davidson the other day, the diameter of her wrist at present is exactly the same as the diameter of the calf of her leg at the same place.

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Grace's father and step-mother went to see her the other day. They were not restrained from doing so by court's order, so no opposition was put up by her aunt. They looked at her and seemed very much pleased at the improved condition she was in. It is said that they declared that she looked a little bloated, in fact.

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The Marshalls, in their part, have had a very hard time of it, and have gotten the sympathy of all their neighbors. Marshall has for the past twenty years been a tenant farmer, and as such has eked a meager living out of continuous labor. He has moved from farm to farm, seeking little able to make a great success with